

Chapter 10.40

GENERAL PARKING REGULATIONS

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10.40.010 Applicability. The provisions of this title regulating the stopping, standing or parking of a vehicle shall apply at all times or at those times herein specified, except when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device. (1155-8/65)

10.40.020 More restrictive provisions apply. The provisions of this title imposing a time limit on standing or parking shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of the Vehicle Code or the ordinance of this city prohibiting or limiting the standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times. (1155-8/65)

10.40.030 Stopping or standing in parkways prohibited. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within any parkway. (1155-8/65)

10.40.040 Zones and areas maintained.

- (a) The Director of Public Works is authorized to maintain, by appropriate signs or by paint upon the curb surface, all no stopping zones, no parking areas, and restricted parking areas, as defined and described in this title.
- (b) When said curb markings or signs are in place, no operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand or park such vehicle adjacent to any such legible curb marking or sign in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. (255-2/23, 322-1/29, 692A-9/58, 1051-5/64)

10.40.050 No parking areas. No operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand, park or leave standing such vehicle in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or other authorized officer, or traffic signal:

- (a) On either side of any street between the projected property lines of any public walk, public steps, street or thoroughfare terminating at such street, when such area is indicated by appropriate signs or by red paint upon the curb surface;
- (b) Within any divisional island unless authorized and clearly indicated with appropriate signs or markings;
- (c) In any area where the Director of Public Works or Director of Community Development determines that the parking or stopping of a vehicle would constitute a traffic hazard or would endanger life or property when such area is indicated by appropriate signs or by red paint upon the curb surface;
- (d) In any area established by resolution of the Council as a no parking area, when such area is indicated by appropriate signs or by red paint upon the curb surface;
- (e) Upon, along or across any railway track in such manner as to hinder, delay or obstruct the movement of any car traveling upon such track;
- (f) In any area where the parking or stopping of any vehicle would constitute a traffic hazard or would endanger life or property;
- (g) On any street or highway where the use of such street or highway or a portion thereof is necessary for the cleaning, repair or construction of the street or highway or the installation of underground utilities or where the use of the street or highway or any portion thereof is authorized for a purpose other than the normal flow of traffic or where the use of the street or highway or any portion thereof is necessary for the movement of equipment, articles or structures of unusual size, and the parking of such vehicle would prohibit or interfere with such use or movement; provided that signs giving notice of such no parking are erected or placed at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the effective time of such no parking;
- (h) At any place within twenty (20) feet of a point on the curb immediately opposite the mid-block end of a safety zone, when such place is indicated by appropriate signs or by red paint upon the curb surface;
- (i) At the place within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection when such place is indicated by appropriate signs or by red paint upon the curb surface except that a bus may stop at a designated bus stop;
- (j) Within twenty (20) feet of the approach of any traffic signal, stop sign or official electric flashing device, when such place is indicated by appropriate signs or by red paint upon the curb surface;

- (k) In any area where the Director of Public Works or the Director of Community Development or any person in lawful possession of an off-street parking area has designated stalls or spaces in an off-street parking facility for the exclusive use of physically-handicapped persons whose vehicles display either one of the distinguishing license plates issued to disabled persons pursuant to Section 22511.5 of the California Vehicle Code and where such space is clearly marked by the painting of a blue curb or by posting immediately adjacent to, and visible from, each stall or space, a sign consisting of a profile view of a wheelchair with occupant in white on a blue background or by both such blue curb and sign. (255-2/23, 322-1/29, 505-2/47, 692A-9/58, 1051-5/64, 1155-8/65, 2044-5/76)

10.40.060 Storing vehicles in street prohibited. No person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle shall park, store, stand or leave standing any vehicle upon any street or alley for more than a consecutive period of seventy-two (72) hours. (632-11/55, 1121-3/65, 1155-8/65, 2177-4/77)

10.40.080 Repairing or greasing in street. No person shall construct or cause to be constructed, repair or cause to be repaired, grease or cause to be greased, dismantle or cause to be dismantled, any vehicle or any part thereof upon any public street in this city. Temporary emergency repairs may be made upon a public street. (1047-5/64, 1070-8/64, 1155-8/65)

10.40.090 Washing or polishing vehicles for charge. No person shall wash or cause to be washed, polish or cause to be polished any vehicle or any part thereof upon any public street in this city, when a charge is made for such service. (1155-8/65)

10.40.100 Parking--Adjacent to schools.

- (a) The Director of Public Works is authorized to erect signs indicating no parking upon that side of any street adjacent to any school property when such parking would, in his opinion, interfere with traffic or create a hazardous situation.
- (b) When official signs are erected prohibiting parking upon that side of a street adjacent to any school property, no person shall park a vehicle in any such designated place. (1155-8/65)

10.40.110 Parking--Prohibited on narrow streets.

- (a) The Director of Public Works is authorized to place signs or markings indicating no parking upon any street when the width of the roadway does not exceed twenty (20) feet, or upon one side of a street as indicated by such signs or markings when the width of the roadway does not exceed thirty (30) feet.
- (b) When official signs or markings prohibiting parking are erected upon narrow streets as authorized herein, no person shall park a vehicle upon any such street in violation of any such sign or marking. (1155-8/65)

10.40.115 Fire lanes, access ways and roadways--Parking prohibited. No person shall park any vehicle or place any object in any fire lane, clearly designated as such by appropriate signs or by red paint upon the curb surface, or park or place any object, obstruction or vehicle in, on or across an established or designated exit, driveway, alleyway, or access road, whether public or private, in such manner as to hamper the movement of any emergency vehicles and equipment in the event of fire or other emergency. This prohibition applies to, but is not limited to, areas in and about any church, hospital, assembly hall, lodge hall, school, hotel, motel, condominium, apartment building, theater, industrial complex, motion picture theater, stadium, shopping center, restaurant, tent, or other place of public assembly, whether open or closed.

Any vehicle parked or any object placed in a fire lane or any of the aforementioned areas shall be subject to immediate removal and storage, pursuant to law. (2520-12/81)

10.40.120 Parking--Highway grade. No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle unattended on a highway when upon any grade exceeding three (3) percent without blocking the wheels of the vehicle by turning them against the curb or by other means. (1155-8/65)

10.40.125 Parking of vehicles for sale--Prohibited.

- (a) No person shall park a vehicle upon a public or private street, parking lot or any public or private property for the purpose of displaying such vehicle thereon for sale, hire or rental, unless the property is duly licensed and zoned by the city to transact that type of business at that location.
- (b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not prohibit persons from parking vehicles on private residential property, belonging to the owner of the vehicle, nor on the public street immediately adjacent to said private residential property.
- (c) Subsection (a) of this section shall not prohibit persons from parking vehicles on private property, other than their own, when they have obtained written permission from the property owner to do so. Said written permission must bear the date permission was granted, must include the name, address and telephone number of the property owner, and must be displayed in or upon the vehicle in such a manner that it is easily readable from outside the vehicle.
- (d) The Director of Community Development, or his designee, is authorized to enforce provisions of this section pursuant to Section 836.5 of the California Penal Code. (2294-8/78)

10.40.150 Vehicles used for property transportation. No person shall park or stand any vehicle or wagon used or intended to be used in the transportation of property for hire on any street while awaiting patronage for such vehicle or wagon without first obtaining a written permit to do so from the Director of Public Works which shall designate the specific location where such vehicle may stand. (322-1/29, 1155-8/65)

10.40.160 Permit--Compliance--Revocation. Whenever any permit is granted under the provisions of this chapter and a particular location to park or stand is specified therein, no person shall park or stand any vehicle, wagon or pushcart on any location other than is designated in such permit. In the event that the holder of any such permit is convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction for violating any of the provisions of this chapter, such permit shall be forthwith revoked by the Director of Public Works upon the filing of the record of such conviction with such officer and no permit shall thereafter be issued to such person until six (6) months have elapsed from the date of such revocation. (322-1/29, 1155-8/65)

10.40.170 Emergency parking signs.

- (a) Whenever the Director of Public Works shall determine that an emergency traffic congestion is likely to result from the holding of public or private assemblages, gatherings or functions, or for other reasons, the Director of Public Works shall have the power and authority to order temporary signs to be erected or posted indicating that the operation, parking or standing of vehicles is prohibited on such streets and alleys, as the Director of Public Works shall direct, during the time such temporary signs are in place. Such signs shall remain in place only during the existence of such emergency and the Director of Public Works shall cause such signs to be removed promptly thereafter.

- (b) When signs authorized by the provisions of this section are in place giving notice thereof, no person shall operate, park or stand any vehicle contrary to the directions of such signs.
(1155-8/65)

10.40.180 Disabled commercial vehicle--Warning signals. Every motor truck having an unladen weight of four thousand (4000) pounds or more, and every truck tractor irrespective of weight when operated upon any street or highway during darkness, shall be equipped with and carry at least two (2) flares or two (2) red lanterns or two (2) warning lights or reflectors, which reflectors shall be of a type approved by the California Department of Highway Patrol. When any vehicle above mentioned or any trailer or semitrailer is disabled upon streets or highways outside of any business or residence district within this city, and upon which street or highway there is insufficient street lighting to reveal a vehicle at a distance of two hundred (200) feet during darkness, a warning signal of the character indicated above shall be immediately placed at a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet in advance of, and one hundred (100) feet to the rear of, such disabled vehicle by the driver thereof. The continuous flashing of at least four (4) approved Class A, Type I turn signal lamps, at least two (2) toward the front and at least two (2) toward the rear of the vehicle, shall be considered to meet the requirements of this section until the devices mentioned above can be placed in the required locations. The warning signals herein mentioned shall be displayed continuously during darkness while such vehicle remains disabled upon such street and highway. (1155-8/65)

10.40.190 One-way streets--Parallel parking.

- (a) Subject to other and more restrictive limitations, a vehicle may be stopped or parked within eighteen (18) inches of the left-hand curb facing in the direction of traffic movement upon any one-way street unless signs are in place prohibiting such stopping or standing.
- (b) In the event a highway includes two (2) or more separate roadways and traffic is restricted to one direction upon any such roadway, no person shall stand or park a vehicle upon the left-hand side of such one-way roadway unless signs are in place permitting such standing or parking.
- (c) The Director of Public Works is authorized to determine when standing or parking shall be prohibited upon the left-hand side of any one-way street or when standing or parking may be permitted upon the left-hand side of any one-way roadway of a highway having two (2) or more separate roadways and shall erect signs giving notice thereof.
- (d) The requirement of parallel parking imposed by this section shall not apply in the event any commercial vehicle is actually engaged in the process of loading or unloading freight or goods, in which case such vehicle may be backed up to the curb, provided that such vehicle does not extend beyond the centerline of the street and does not block traffic thereby.
(1121-3/65, 1155-8/65)

10.40.200 Diagonal parking.

- (a) On any of the streets or portions of streets established by resolution of the Council as diagonal parking zones, when signs or pavement markings are in place indicating such diagonal parking, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to park said vehicle except:
- (1) At the angle to the curb indicated by signs or pavement markings allotting space to parked vehicles and entirely within the limits of said allotted space;
 - (2) With the front wheel nearest the curb within six (6) inches of said curb.

- (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply when such vehicle is actually engaged in the process of loading or unloading passengers, freight or goods, in which event the provisions applicable in Section 10.40.190 shall be complied with. (255-2/23, 268-1/24, 322-1/29, 846-7/61, 1155-8/65)

10.40.210 Angle parking--Minimum road width. Angle parking shall not be permitted upon any street where parking would diminish the width of the roadway available for travel to less than twenty-four (24) feet or upon any street which is a portion of the city's master plan of arterial streets and highways. (1155-8/65, 1577-6/70)

10.40.220 Angle parking--One side of street. The Director of Public Works is authorized to prohibit the parking of vehicles, provided appropriate signs are placed and maintained to give notice thereof, on one side of a street in any block where angle parking is permitted on the opposite side of the street in such block. (322-1/29, 1155-8/65)

10.40.230 Parking space markings.

- (a) The Director of Public Works is authorized to install and maintain parking space markings to indicate parking spaces adjacent to curbs where authorized parking is permitted.
- (b) No motor vehicle shall occupy more than one such parking space unless the size of the parked vehicle obviates the use of a single space. When the use of any parking space is regulated by a meter, the meter regulating each such utilized space must be in an active and unexpired condition.
- (c) No vehicle shall be stopped, left standing or parked in a space which is already occupied by another vehicle, except that several motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, mopeds, or motorized bicycles may occupy a single space, provided that no such vehicle is positioned so that it occupies two (2) adjacent spaces. Where a space is regulated by a parking meter, all vehicles within the space are in violation if parking time has expired. (1155-8/65, 2295-9/78, 2327-2/79)

10.40.240 No stopping zones.

- (a) The Director of Public Works shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating that stopping of vehicles is prohibited and indicating the hours and days when stopping is prohibited when no stopping zones have been established by resolution of the Council.
- (b) During the hours and days designated on the signs, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to stop the vehicle on any of the streets or parts of streets established as no stopping zones. (1136-5/65, 1155-8/65)

10.40.250 Painting of curbs. No person, unless authorized by this city, shall paint any street or curb surfaces; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to the painting of numbers on a curb surface by any person who has complied with the provisions of any official action of this city pertaining thereto. (1155-8/65)

10.40.260 General parking regulations--Enforcement. The provisions of this title regulating the stopping, standing or parking of a vehicle shall be enforced by officers, reserve officers, service officers and cadets of the Police Department and marine safety officers and such special officers of the Community Services Department, Community Development Department, and the Department of Public Works as are assigned and authorized by the Chief of Police. (632-11/55, 1121-3/65, 1155-8/65, Urg Ord 1510-6/69, 2124-1/77, 2247-1/78, 3340-12/96)

10.40.270 Parking areas on private property--Maintenance--Parking prohibited.

- (a) The owners of any private property in the City of Huntington Beach, which property has been declared by resolution of the City Council to have areas of traffic congestion and a danger to vehicles and pedestrians and an obstruction of emergency vehicles, shall maintain the designated no parking and restricted parking areas by appropriate signs and/or paint upon the curb surface according to standards established by the Director of Public Works.
- (b) When curb markings and/or signs are in place, no operator of any vehicle shall park said vehicle adjacent to any curb marking and/or sign. A violation of this section is an infraction and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100. (2204-8/77)

10.40.275 Vacant real property--Posting. Vacant real property shall be posted to prohibit littering, dumping of waste materials, parking of motor vehicles, and trespassing in accordance with the following:

- (a) Posting Requirement. Every person owning or in possession of vacant real property located in the city within two thousand (2000) feet of the mean high tide line of the Pacific Ocean shall post such real property with at least two (2) signs per parcel, displayed at intervals not more than one hundred (100) feet apart, along all exterior boundaries and at all roads and trails entering the property. Such signs shall forbid trespassing, littering, parking motor vehicles, and dumping refuse, as defined in Section 8.20.010(h), on such property.
- (b) Applicability. "Vacant real property," as used in this section, shall include all uncultivated real property within two thousand (2000) feet of the mean high tide line of the Pacific Ocean which is not enclosed by a perimeter fence, and on which there are no permitted structures for residential, commercial, or industrial uses. Property on which there are no structures other than oil wells and outbuildings shall not be exempt from this section.
- (c) Exemptions. The following are exempt:
 - (1) Property enclosed by a perimeter fence at least five (5) feet high, secured by locked gates;
 - (2) Property occupied by or in possession of a public entity or property dedicated to public use;
 - (3) Any parcel with an area less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet shall be exempt from the posting requirement so long as the total area of such parcel, plus the area of all adjoining and contiguous parcels of vacant real property, do not exceed ten thousand (10,000) square feet.
- (d) Signs. The signs shall be at least twelve (12) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches high, and shall meet the specifications established by the Director of Community Development and the requirements of California Vehicle Code Section 22658.
- (e) No portion of this section shall be construed as restricting a private owner in the lawful use of his or her own property unless the use creates a public health or safety hazard, a public nuisance, or a fire hazard. (Urg Ord 2767-5/85)

10.40.280 Violation--Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of an infraction, and punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100. (2276-5/78)